

**MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE**  
**ON THURSDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1969.**

**PRESENT:**                    The Captain (F. Robinson) in the Chair, Messrs. L. Butlin, R.H.Meeks, A.J. Dixon, F.W. Greenhough, H. Howard, J.A. Fiddian, C.W. Cooper, J.L. Brodie, A.N. Howard, J.W. Stephenson and P.W. Carter.

Apologies for absence were received from J.C.E. Meeks and N. Sykes.

The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting were read and accepted a true record.

**MATTERS**                    Mr. A.J. Dixon Reported that the Wine Glasses to be presented to Members  
**ARISING:**                    would cost 16/- each. The spoons were now 32/6d each  
It was decided to obtain a stock of the Glasses for future use.

Other items were cleared in the various Committee Reports.

**HANDICAP**                    The Handicap Secretary gave a Report on Handicap Revisions and recent  
**COMMITTEE:**                    events. The dates for Saturday morning Junior Matches was agreed.

Discussion then took place in matters arising and arrangements for the Open Day to be held on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 1969. The time for commencement was to be extended to oblige one or two more entries. The Time Table for starters was worked out to include all Members of the General Committee acting during part of the day.

The Junior Competition arrangements were finalised and the Handicap Secretary was requested to approach Mr. N. Dale with a view to his officiating during the Competition.

**GREENS**                    The Greens Secretary gave a Report on the progress made in removing the  
**COMMITTEE:**                    fencing posts from the empty dam by the old Sixteenth Fairway and these  
were now ready to be refixed in the holes which had been dug by the Mechanical Digger.

The General Secretary was requested to write to Mr. Connor thanking him for the effort which he had made in obtaining the Machine.

The Greens Secretary then put before the Committee the various estimates which had been received from various concerns for fixing the fencing and posts. The task was formally agreed upon by the Committee and the Greens Secretary promised to ascertain further details of two of the estimates.

Mr. K. Briggs had now been appointed Acting Head Greenkeeper as recorded in the Minutes of the August Meeting.

Mr. D. Briddon had now been appointed 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Greenkeeper at a wage of £15 per week plus overtime.

The employee, K. Briggs, was to be sent to the October Course at Bingley Grass Research Station.

The General Secretary mentioned the fact of the progress made in obtaining a seat from Messrs. W.E. Sowerbutts, which had been kindly donated by the two Sons of the late Mrs. Cawthron.

BAR:  
COMMITTEE:

The Bar Secretary was pleased to Report that takings were satisfactory and he was enabled to pass a payment to the General Account of £400.

He also reported that he had not, as yet, been able to call upon the Sub-Committee appointed to review the Bar Prices, but would do so in the near future.

It was decided, in view of the controversy and divided opinions, that Mr. Mulroy be written stating that we still thought the Ornamental Dray was the property of the Club, but in good faith we were now sending him the cheque which was due to him.

HOUSE:  
COMMITTEE:

The House Secretary Reported that extra seating units had now been ordered and samples of other chairs would be available in the near future.

The Committee Resolved that the purchase of Shower Towels be put to the suppliers and bring our stock up to 5 dozen.

The Fruit Machines were not giving the Club the Financial return as heretofore and a period had been gone through when the Machine had paid out £35 in Gold Discs alone over a period of twelve days. This had now been rectified.

The Taxation problem was explained by Mr. Butlin, and should we keep both Machines in operation, in their present form, we would have to find £400 in charges. The matter was left in abeyance.

The Committee Members approved the purchase of a sign and the erection of same by the Highways Committee employees, as negotiated by Mr. Butlin.

The House Secretary promised to look into the matter of the Bacon Machine which had been purchased, but did not, in fact, appear to have been utilised as yet.

TREASURER'S:  
REPORT:

Accounts amounting to £976.1.4 were presented and passed for payment.

NOMINATIONS  
AND  
RESIGNATIONS:

The death of Mr. H.Hitchen was recorded with regret.

Mr. & Mrs. S. Cartwright wish to transfer to Country Membership next Season (1970/71) and this was provisionally agreed upon.

After the usual Ballot, D.M. Henderson (proposed by N. Sykes and seconded by P.W. Carter) was accepted as a Junior Member.

ANY OTHER  
BUSINESS:

The General Secretary Reported the fact that he had received a letter from R.K. Bell requesting permission to hold a Boys' Open Amateur Golf Competition for the Bell Trophy, which is played over 36 holes, preferably in the month of August, on the Ashton Course. After some discussion, the Committee decided to grant this request on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 1970, for a trial period of one year. The General Secretary was requested to contact Mr. Bell informing him of this decision and to obtain provisional further details.

The Committee Resolved that Mr. N. Dale be granted permission to entertain a party of visitors at the Club on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 1969.

The matter then arose as to the suitability of Gorse Farm as a site for a new Club House. This was left in abeyance.

A Vote of Thanks to the Captain for presiding, closed the Meeting, the date of the next Meeting to be 9<sup>th</sup> October 1969.

Signed.....F. Robinson, Captain  
Date.....9/10/69.